THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) As on 1-10-1994, there were 4434 LPG distributorships functioning all over the country. Proposals for 623 LPG distributorships have been included in the current LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94, selection for which is underway through State-wise/Region-wise Oil Selection Boards. State-wise information is given in the statement annexed.

Statement

	State	Statewise LPG distributors as on 1-10-1994	Statewise LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94
1.	Andhra Pradesh.	387	40
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	14	2
3.	Assam . .	114	17
4.	Bihar .	165	29
5.	Goa . .	28	2
6.	Gujarat . .	307	65
7.	Haryana . .	136	32
8.	Himachal Pradesh	59	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	70	1
10.	Karnataka .	264	22
11.	Kerala . .	180	14
12.	Madhya Pradesh	251	54
13.	Maharashtra .	583	76
14.	Manipur . .	12	3
15.	Meghalaya .	15	2
16.	Mizoram . .	10	3
17.	Nagaland .	14	2
18.	Orissa . .	91	6
19.	Punjab . .	195	35
20.	Rajasthan .	186	25
21.	Sikkim . .	2	—
22.	Tamil Nadu .	326	50
23.	Tripura . .	10	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh .	507	72
25.	West Bengal .	239	34
26.	Delhi . .	232	27
	Union Territories		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1	—
2.	Chandigarh .	26	2
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	—
4.	Daman & Diu .	2	—
5.	Lakshadweep .	1	—
6.	Pondicherry .	6	4
	TOTAL :	4434	623

Oil Drilling in Himachal Pradesh by ONGC

2383. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the target fixed for drilling operations in respect of oil and natural gas in Himachal Pradesh could never be achieved in the prescribed time-schedule ;

(b) what were the reasons for stopping the drilling of Changartalai-1 well without its completion which was targeted to be drilled upto 6000 meters, by Mahindra & Mahindra Company ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rig used by the Mahindra and Mahindra Company was very old and that was declared useless by the French Company; and

(d) if so, what are the plans Government to get the drilling work completed in respect of oil and natural gas in Himachal Pradesh within its prescribed time-schedule;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) No. Sir, However, drilling targets were not achieved in 1992-93 owing to the early termination of drilling in Changartalai-1. The drilling in Changartalai was stopped since the available data indicated adverse reservoir characteristics in the undrilled section.

(c) The rig was capable of drilling up to the target depth.

(d) As per the approved drilling plan, no activities are envisaged during the remaining part of VIII Plan.

Supply of Petroleum Products to Gujarat

2384. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequate supply of petroleum products to Gujrat State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure supply of all petroleum products according to the demand of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) There are no such reports.

(b) Does not arise.